

COUNTIES AT FAIR

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HOW TO GO AFTER THE RIBBONS

Henry County Man Tells How Interest Was Awakened in His Territory—Fancy Live Stock.

The people of Missouri have paid for and own the million-dollar property known as the state fair in Sedalia. It is your fair! The movement for county exhibits at the state fair this year is attracting fresh attention. Southern Missouri is a leader this year—and several counties have the blue ribbons within reach if they come through as strong as their condition warrants. South Missouri looks better in proportion today than any other section of the state. A county exhibit is a big boost to a county, for 100,000 people will doubtless see it.

Captain Mack V. Thralls, now farming near Urich in Henry county, was the man who put his county on the map at the state fair. Asked how he helped put over the county exhibit he made a reply to W. R. Jackson of Maryville that tells how to go after the ribbons until you win 'em, as follows:

"In 1911 the Henry county court offered to pay the expenses of myself and a friend if we would assemble, ship and install an agricultural display at the state fair, such products as we could gather in a very short time—less than a week. The county papers were liberal with their space, and a great many people responded with the best of their field, orchard and garden, all being assembled at Clinton, the county seat, a certain date and crated and shipped, and the two of us installed display in only one day—this was not half enough time but we won seventh prize.

"In 1914 the exhibit fever was riot with 'first place at the state fair,' as the ultimate goal. Some township exhibits were held and the county court and Clinton Commercial club offered liberal prizes for the best township exhibit at the county seat (Clinton) a few days before needed to go to the state fair, with the understanding that all exhibits desired were to be held for the county exhibit at the state fair. Our township got first in the county, Henry county first at the state fair—hence we have the best township in the best county in the best state in the Union.

The Missouri state fair at Sedalia, September 25 to October 2, will be the last state fair 'station stop' for the great herds of live stock on their way to the Golden West. This should mean that the live stock show at Sedalia will this year be the largest and best in the history of the 'Show me' show.

Inspect Montgomery's Roads. A delegation of road boosters, representing both the Old Trails and the north route from New Florence through Montgomery to Mexico, went over the two roads the other day on a tour of inspection. The purpose was twofold: First, to view the two routes and the obstacles in the way of improving them; and, second, to increase interest in the cross-state highway movement from Kansas City to St. Louis.

St. Louis Banker a Suicide. Frank L. Johnson, assistant cashier of the Mercantile National Bank of St. Louis, committed suicide by shooting himself in the head late the other night. The body was found by a night watchman in an office of the bank.

City Spreads Hog Cholera. Dr. Ralph Graham and Dr. Elmer J. Johnson of the United States Board of Animal Industry, with headquarters at Sedalia, said to Mayor Babcock and the city council recently that unless hog pen within the corporate limits are kept in better condition, a quarantine will be placed on all hogs in Sedalia, numbering fully one thousand. Dr. Johnson said he had caused to be published a few weeks ago a list of regulations whereby the spread of hog cholera could be prevented, but no attention has been paid to the warning by the Sedalia owners of hogs. Dr. Johnson said nearly every case of hog cholera in Pettis county could be traced to Sedalia.

Lived Nearly 100 Years. John J. Kloppe, 98 years old, a Civil war veteran, is dead at Lima. The funeral was held in St. George's Catholic church.

Boulder Bites Fatal to Farmer. J. E. Lawson, 66 years old, is dead at his farm home ten miles southwest of Rich Hill from the effect of a spider bite received ten days ago.

Lightning Hit Electric Iron. Mrs. George Rubison of Seattle, Wash., was struck and killed twenty feet by a bolt of lightning at the home of a relative at Hannibal the other night. The fact that the handle of an electric iron she was using was made of wood saved her life.

Peasant Sedalia Woman Dies. Mrs. Sarah Westenberg of Sedalia, widow of George Westenberg, born in Clay county, Missouri, in 1849, died recently.

Farmer Shot and Killed. In Reed, a young farmer, was shot and killed by a mysterious manner at Moberly, a village six miles east of Warrensburg, the other night. Villagers heard the shot and on investigation found Reed lying dead in a box car.

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COUNTY ONE VAST FEED LOT

Thirty Thousand Hogs Belonging to England Now Held in Clinton County's Pastures.

When fifty or sixty hogs die at Lathrop a day nobody pays any particular attention to it. It's only the normal death rate. For in Lathrop at present there are more hogs than were ever assembled before in the world's history.

At Lathrop come all the hogs and mules purchased for the British army. Because of a lack of transport to take them across the Atlantic they have been accumulating, until now all Clinton county is virtually one vast feed lot.

When "shipping" or "barn" fever broke out among the hogs recently there were many rumors of an epidemic. Even the state health inspectors came to Lathrop when they heard that hundreds of animals were dying. The army veterinarians received them calmly, admitted the hundreds of deaths and then proceeded to hand out some statistics.

The statistics made the "epidemic" stories shrink wonderfully. The deaths, the veterinarians showed, figured out just about one-half of 1 percent a week. And they defied the inspectors to find a farmer who could show an good record. The inspectors agreed and left. The British continue to lose some \$10,000 worth of hogs a day.

In the Boer war in 1901 England handled 182,000 animals through the depot here and that number has possibly already been equaled. The average price now is \$175 for hogs and \$200 for mules.

Unless transports begin arriving from Europe pretty soon, there is no telling how many hogs Lathrop will be called on to accommodate. They have been arriving by the trainload practically every day until the number now is estimated at from 27,000 to 30,000 head. If the influx continues, it may be necessary to build a second story to the county and put some of them upstairs.

MISSOURI DRYS MAKE GAINS

Saloons Have Been Voted Out Now by More Than Half of the State's Population.

The recent dry victories in Missouri have pushed the "dry" above the half way mark in the state.

A careful tabulation shows, according to Dr. Albert Bushnell of the Missouri Anti-Saloon League, that more than half the people of the state live in territory that is absolutely dry. For years more than half the territory has been dry, but on account of the large cities a major share of the population has lived in wet territory. The figures, which include the recent dry victories, show that 50.2 per cent of Missouri's entire population lives in territory that has voted dry and has no saloons.

Between 75 and 80 per cent of the state's territory is dry. Seventy-nine of the 114 counties have voted out the saloon entirely and exist under the stringent local option laws forbidding the sale of liquor. Nineteen additional counties are all dry except for one town of more than two thousand five hundred population, which under the present law may vote separately from the county. Sixteen counties and the city of St. Louis are the only entirely wet counties in the state.

"With more than half the population of the state now living in entirely dry territory, Missouri is going to take bigger strides than ever in the war to drive out saloons," Doctor Bushnell commented.

Death of Rich Hill Pioneer. While returning home from church a few days ago William M. Pherson, 92 years old, suffered a stroke of paralysis which resulted in his death later. He was a pioneer citizen of Rich Hill.

Teachers to Kansas City. The state convention of the Missouri Teachers' Association is to be held in Kansas City November 4, 5 and 6 of this year. It was announced recently in a letter from Dr. A. Ross Hill, president of Missouri University. Three thousand delegates are expected to attend, and the Commodore House will be the convention headquarters.

Macon Takes Step Forward. The proposition to issue \$20,000 worth of bonds to build a filtration plant and extend the water mains to cover the entire city carried at Macon the other day by a large majority.

Baby Girl Drowned in Well. The 3-year-old daughter of W. K. Warren, residing five miles west of Collins, fell in a well the other day and was drowned.

The Ward Jury Disagrees. After balloting twelve hours without result at West Plains, the jury in the case of George W. Ward, charged with burning his wife to death, has been discharged. The jury stood eight to four for acquittal.

Rich Hill Revival Ends. The great tabernacle revival which has been held in Rich Hill during July closed with 190 conversions during the last day, making 760 conversions during the meeting. The meeting was under the auspices of the various churches of Rich Hill.

Oldest Callaway Woman Dies. Mrs. Elizabeth Hyster, 92 years old, a native of Kentucky, but a resident of Callaway county most of her life and believed to be the oldest woman in the county, is dead at Fulton.

Wealthy Sedalia Merchant Dies. George C. McLaughlin, 63 years old, is dead at Sedalia. He was a retired merchant and had lived in Sedalia nearly a half century. He was one of the beneficiaries of the late Mrs. Sarah Knight, who died a year ago in New York, leaving one million dollars.

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THE CHARM OF MOTHERHOOD

Enhanced By Perfect Physical Health.

The experience of Motherhood is a trying one to most women and marks distinctly an epoch in their lives. Not one woman in a hundred is prepared or understands how to properly care for herself. Of course nearly every woman knows how to medical treatment at such times, but many approach the experience with an organism untrained for the trial of strength, and when it is over they are left with a shock from the system and a broken health resulting from an unprepared condition, and with ample time in which to prepare, women will persist in going blindly to the trial.

There is nothing more charming than a happy and healthy mother of children, and indeed child-birth under the right conditions need be no hazard to health or beauty. The unexplainable thing is that, with all the evidence of shattered nerves and broken health resulting from an unprepared condition, and with ample time in which to prepare, women will persist in going blindly to the trial.

Every woman at this time should rely upon Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound, a most valuable tonic and invigorator of the female organism.

In many homes once children have been born, the mother's health is the first thing to be considered. Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound makes women normal, healthy and strong.

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HAD TO HAVE TIME TO EAT

Regular Meals Were Necessary After the Slight Repasts Incident to Business Hours.

A tall, gaunt young man entered the office of the Globe Museum and Family theater and asked for the manager.

"What can I do for you?" inquired a portly man in a check suit.

"I want an engagement as a freak."

"Who are you?"

"I am Enoch, the Egg King."

"What is your specialty?"

"I eat three dozen hen eggs, two dozen duck eggs, and one dozen goose eggs at a single sitting."

"I suppose you know our policy?"

"What is that?"

"We give four shows a day."

"I understand that."

"And do you think you can do it?"

"I know I can."

"On Saturdays we often give six shows."

"All right."

"And on some holidays we give a performance every hour."

"The young man hesitated."

"In that case," he finally said, "I must have one thing understood before I sign a contract."

"What's that?" asked the manager.

"No matter how rushing business is at the museum," the egg king replied, "you must give me time enough to eat my regular meals at the hotel."

Pearson's Weekly.

Served Him Right.

If there was one thing more than another that he prided himself on, it was the fit of his clothes.

"I can never get a dress coat really to fit," he said to his partner, as he glanced down at a perfectly made garment, with a hope, of course, that she would at once disclaim the insinuation. "Look at this thing."

"Well, it is atrocious," she said coolly. "But why not save your money and buy one? It is so much cheaper in the long run than hiring."—Philadelphia Public Ledger.

Refutes Oiler's Theory.

A blind woman, eighty-one years old and partially deaf, refuted Doctor Oiler's theory by recently completing a life of Nathan Hale which is declared to be of unusual interest and authority. The woman, Mrs. Jean Christie Root of Glen Ridge, N. J., has learned to use a typewriter with great facility and makes light of her infirmities.

International Politeness.

In some ways the war is causing a revival of international politeness. Anyway, Russia apologizes to Sweden for dropping a shell into Swedish waters.—Chicago News.

The Suburban Immune.

Knicker—Any mosquitoes?

Suburban—They stay out of houses that cost less than the architect's estimate.

Just So.

"What do you think of these here summer furs?"

"It's carrying things pretty fur."

At a wedding men laugh and women weep—probably because they are not the victims.

Women do not like new wrinkles any more than they do old ones.

The early bird that monkeys with the early bee is apt to get stung.

Even on the sea of matrimony there are a lot of fool boat rockers.

Some men have no more friends than a baseball umpire.

Prosperity begins to pay the freight as soon as it is found out.

New Zealand has over 1,000,000 Europeans.

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UMBRELLA TO COVER ACRE

Amusement Provider Assure His Men Scheme Nothing Short of Stupendous.

Tody Hamilton—the only man who ever lost an elephant in Manhattan and would not be comforted—says—and if Tody Hamilton (who once lost two lions and a tiger near Forty-second street and Broadway) says a thing is true, then it's true whether it's true or not—Tody Hamilton says that Luna park is about to raise an umbrella which no living man can handle, let alone steal.

The umbrella will cover an acre of Luna park ground, so it was said by Tody Hamilton—who for years saw it that a baby giraffe was born annually in Madison Square garden on the night Barram & Bailey came to town. First of all, a steel umbrella handle will be constructed in Luna and the handle will be 140 feet high, so it was said by Tody Hamilton—who was the first man to reveal the news that Silvers, the clown, was the first man to strike gold in Alaska.

The umbrella will be steel-ribbed, covered with circus-fest canvas, and will be raised and lowered by machinery, according to a statement issued by Tody Hamilton—who once crossed hoop snakes with puff adders while with the Barnum show and raised thereby a crop of living automobile tires.

Five thousand persons will be able to enjoy the cool shade under the umbrella.

A searchlight with rays shooting for ten miles, an intermittent flash beacon, thousands of electric bulbs and things and stuff to taste will decorate the steel and canvas umbrella at night, the completed umbrella to cost \$25,000, according to Tody Hamilton—who added that he had just turned down an offer made by Colonel Roosevelt to stock the Luna lagoon with a correspondence school of man-eating fish.—New York Sun.

RICHERS LIE IN OURSELVES

What the Man Is, Not What He Has, Makes Him Wealthy or Poor.

In my own life, as I wander farther and farther along the vagabond trail in search of truth and beauty, I find it easier and easier to find contentment without the riches of the world. Leave me imagination, and I shall still be rich; but give me all the wealth of the world and take from me imagination and you will plunge me deep into a bottomless hell of indescribable misery.

We cannot own things without being owned by them. Thoreau understood this. His life was so successful that Emerson wrote of him, "Wherever there is beauty, he will find a home."

I cannot live Thoreau's life. But I can live my own.

"In the transmission of heavenly waters," says Emerson, "every house finds its hydrant."—Thomas Dreier, in the Nautilus.

SOFT WHITE HANDS

Under Most Conditions If You Use Cuticura Trial Free.

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Sample each free by mail with Book, Address postcard, Cuticura, Dept. XY, Boston. Sold everywhere.—Adv.

Miss Julia May's Candies.

It was Miss Julia May's birthday, and in honor of the occasion a cake had been baked to be decorated with candles, one candle for each anniversary.

Dinner was being delayed and Miss Julia May called to Aunt Pincy: "What is holding dinner, Aunt Pincy?"

Aunt Pincy's answer called for no further explanation: "Lawdy, honey, is you forgot how many of these candles dey is to light?"—Nashville Banner.

Just So.

"Dad, what is meant by carrying coals to Newcastle?"

"It's a figure of speech, my boy. Like trying to tell something to a graduating class that they don't know."

Appropriate.

Patience—Will always dress as appropriate to the occasion.

Patrice—I suppose, then, when he's going to draw carpet tacks he puts on his "claw-hammer."

Naturally.

"What kind of a dance was it the bellhops gave at the hotel?"

"Of course, it was a bell hop."

The Limit of Consent.

"Val, isn't he?"

"Very. He even thinks he looks well in his bathing suit."

Only a regular woman can get any satisfaction out of a daily paper that is more than three days old.

Yet a millionaire can say more in ten words than a penniless man can say in ten thousand.

One half the world imagines that the other half couldn't possibly worry along without it.

And a considerable percentage of our so-called friends will not stand the acid test.

South Africa's 1914 merchandise imports were valued at \$125,000,000.

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HOUSE HELP—MARRIAGE WAR

So Many People Are Shaking Shakes That It Is Hard to Get Out of Bed.

"Well," mumbled a New York lady as she came out of an unbecomingly long nap, "I don't think the war in Europe would make any difference to me in my daily affairs, as I don't run new to the other side every few weeks or so, and when I do, I don't know where they don't, but I am learning that it is really a great inconvenience."

"You really usually by without your servants are not nearly so hard to get, but now so many people are staying home and helping their servants that it is almost impossible to get a good one. One day, I saw a newspaper article about a lady who had a maid from India who had been with her for two years and had been absolutely nothing to her. I understood that 200,000 people will be going abroad this year and every one of them, or their families, are estimating the summer servant supply. I always did think you was dreadful, and now I think it is worse than ever."

"Has Brown a comfortable income?" "Large, but not comfortable. His wife knows just how much it is."—Pack.

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